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## Foreword

*The Record* is in print again ! A periodical which has appeared every year since the school was founded in 1912 has survived some local difficulties and is to continue. But there have been changes. We have decided to alter the coverage of the periodical by restricting each edition to the news and contributions which are offered in a single academic year. So this edition, Number 160, for 1994, covers everything that happened in the school and to its friends and Old Scholars from September 1993 until July 1994. Previously the students who entered the school in say September 1993, were welcomed in the edition of *The Record* which appeared (or was intended so to do) in the Autumn term of 1993, whereas their welcome really belonged to the academic year 1993-94 and its edition of the periodical intended to appear in the Autumn Term of 1994.

Although hallowed by custom, this arrangement has given the editors terrible headaches over the years, especially when *The Record* began to appear later and later, even moving into the Spring Term in some cases. It was difficult to remember where everything had to go, and almost impossible when we were dealing with copy dating from two or three years back.

The new system will be the pattern from now on. As a result the September 1993 entrants, who were welcomed in the last edition to be published, Number 159, will be gratified to see that they have been welcomed again. but the 1996 entrants who properly belong to the academic year 1996-97, will not be welcomed until the edition for that year appears in Autumn 1997.

The new tradition starts now, and we also hope to revert to the old practice of publishing *The Record* before the half-term holiday in the Autumn term each year.

We think that the page format of *The Record* has been improved so as to make it more attractive and easier to read. All we need for the future is some good contributions from the students and any others who feel the urge to write.

## School Register 1993-94

### Welcome, September 1993

#### Year 7 :

James Allen, Reaz Auchoybur, Thomas Billyard, Rosalind Boyall, Hannah Cunningham, Alexander Drew, Marie-Louise Gourlay, Adam Harris, Georgina Hart, Matthew Hatton, John Haynes, Judith Hill, Stephen Horrocks, Andrew Hughes, Lauren James, Eve-Marie Knox, Timothy Marshall, Kerry Morris, Holly Moulson, Samuel Parker, Anna Perkins, Nicola Ross, Rebecca Shearn, Natalie Smith, Lucy Tugwell, Laura Walmsley, Catherine Wasley, Emma Wells, Elizabeth Wyatt, Sara Wychrij, James Young, James Billingsley, Rebecca Blackshaw, Christopher Blood, Elizabeth Boyce, Paul Bradley, Ian Bryenton, Julia Butler, Stuart Carr, Alexis Carter, Sui-Mai Chan, James Clarke, Roberta Fleming, Benjamin Furlow, David Hawkes, Kerry Hodgetts, Charlotte Joyce, Andrew Lea, Gillian Leather, Shelley Nicholls, Kimberley Oakes, Katherine Orwin, Rebecca Palmer, Louisa Park, Kathryn Pennington, Alice Poulter, Ioan Rees, Colin Robertson, Jonathan Statham, Jessica Taylor, Jeremy Tupman.

#### Year 12 :

Patrick Lamb (Ackworth School, Pontefract); William Bowring, Neil Carter, Johnathon Dover, Alison Fraser, Samantha Gould, Lucy Heneghan, Lucy Homer, Louise Jones, Philip Marton, Andrew Munton, Robert Parker, Hannah Rees, Claire Theobald, David Thompson, Victoria Williams and Beverley Wye (all from Alcester High School); Sarah Harwood (from The Alice Ottley School); Sharon Hardy, Catherine McLaren and Margaret McLaren (all from Arrow Vale School); James Taylor (from Bowbrook School); Lisa Johnsey, Tamzin Mogg, Katharine Richards, Nicola Saint and Paul Vickery (all from Bridley Moor School); Alicia Gold (from Dodderhill School); Steven Bayliss, Jennifer Butler, Emma Crean, Ian Horton, Andrew Palliser, Stuart Robson and Heidi Sylvester (all from Henley High School); Catherine Brown (from The Holy Child School); Jennifer Armitage (from Kineton High School); James Penfold and Paul Sage (from KES, Stratford); Dmitri Wychrij (from KES, Birmingham); Julia Pickering (from King's School, Warwick); Louise Ashenford and Louise Wakelam (from The Grammar School for Girls, Shotton); Sonya Homer, Martin Johnson, David McElroy and Andrew Smith (all from St. Augustine's RC High School); Katie Butterell, Helena Franczuk, Christian Goodhand, Charlotte Ingram, Dominic Jinks, Lindsey Lalegname, Claire McKendry and Margaret Reid (all from St Benedict' RC High School); Laura Hayes (from St.Dominic's);

Nicola Humphrey (from Stratford on Avon High School); Teresa Arnott, Matthew Beech, Rachel Carr, Rebecca Fogarty, Lynette Horwood and Anne Thacker (all from Studley High School); Richard Williams (from the Oratory School); Luke Henderson (from Warwick Boy's School); Nikki Cook (from Wroxall Abbey School).

## Staff News

*These details appeared in Edition 159, but they are given again here in brief form for completeness and to conform to the new system.*

We welcomed an unusually large number of new staff in September. Mrs Rosemary Bennington came as our first full-time Librarian. She was joined by Mrs Heather Bratt as Assistant Librarian. Mr Martin German came as Head of Biology, and Mr Frank McAree to be Head of Information Technology. To the Economics and Business Studies Department came Mrs Margaret Campbell, Mr Trevor Wright came to teach English in a part-time capacity, and Mrs Laure Redfern to teach French. Mr John Clee joined us as Maintenance Manager, and made an immediate impact by dealing with all the odds and ends which had needed to be put right over the years, but never quite got done. Old Scholars will remember his daughter, Dawn, who is an Old Scholar herself. As is Mr David Bullingham(1975-80), who has joined us as Groundsman, Design Technology Technician and Maintenance Assistant, in which capacity he works under Mr Clee's direction. Mrs S. Reeves came to augment the office staff as a part time secretary. Among her previous experience was a time at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford upon Avon.

Mrs L. Tognetti didn't join us - she was already here as Catering Supervisor, but as a result of the school achieving Grant Maintained Status, the Governors decided to run the catering facilities as an "in house" operation, and Mrs Tognetti was appointed to manage the business. Her expertise was recognised by The Governors of Studley High School who requested that she should act as a consultant when they decided to run their catering facilities in the same way. As well as all this she has studied for and been awarded, the Intermediate and Advanced Certificates in Food Hygiene.

## Events and Happenings, 1993-94

### Autumn Term 1993

The library acquired the new technology in the shape of computerised catalogues, CD Rom drivers, a photocopier for student use and aims to get a video section in the near future. Mrs Caroline Newey retired from the Chairmanship of the Parents' Association after two years; Mr Neil Croft stepped into her shoes.

Bookweek was a success again, as was Blockweek in November. Year 10 went to Marle Hall as usual, Year 11 did work experience, and the rest of the school did various other activities, none of which featured in their normal timetables. *Step Reebok* started up under visiting instructor Melanie Mowson. The Fencing Club returned with Hilary Hammond. After-school archery started up. Parents began to use the fitness room on Tuesday evenings (without charge!).

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were made to Andrew Steele (silver), and Jill Bennett, Sarah Bratton, Robert Abbott, Ruth Sheldon, Annalie Croft, Miriam Stanley, Rebecca White, Vicky Hawker and Richard Walsh were awarded bronze.

Miriam Stanley, Sarah Jeffery, Kate Hemming, Yazmin Juned, Becky Key, Abbey Wright and Emma Cooley sang in the Warwickshire Youth Chorale in December. Peter Austing, Nikki Humphrey, Olivia Powis, Mireille Stacey and Beth Symmons played in the Warwickshire Youth Orchestra. Beth Symmons was awarded Grade VIII for the double bass, and Lucy Tugwell was awarded places in both the National Childrens' Wind Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra.

Liz White won the Midland Foils Championship (AGS does well at fencing), Mary Harries and James Bowler were selected for the Warwickshire Cross-Country team, Richard Evans was selected for the Warwickshire U18 Rugby Team and Tim Jarmy, Mark Lardner and Martin Firth played for the county's U19 Soccer team. The First XI Girls Hockey team got to the county final and

were defeated by the narrowest of margins, losing to Nuneaton Sixth Form College, a huge establishment with innumerable students. The Art Department organised a trip to Amsterdam, and the French Department one to Paris.

The term ended with the Parents Association's customary Christmas Coffee Morning and our Carol Service in St Nicholas's Church in Alcester.

### **Spring Term 1994**

Mrs Bovey, Head of Home Economics, spent a week's placement in industry with Safeway in Bromsgrove. Mr Don Carey, Technical Assistant in the Design Technology Department left after nine years to become Airfield Manager at Bickmarsh Airfield. We received news that the school was to be inspected by Ofsted in the Autumn Term.

David Ives, Pauline Hubner, Peter Austing, Penny Peters and David Pritchard were all awarded places at Oxford or Cambridge, as was Old Scholar Emma Neale.

There was a trip to the Bolshoi Ballet at NEC organised by Mrs Talbot, and rehearsals for "Blitz" got into top gear. The English and Drama Departments organised trips to the theatres at Stratford and Worcester. The Annual School Music Competition took place on 4th March.

Anne Kerr and Fiona Gibson were selected for their respective county U14 Hockey squads. Jan Bonney (regular player for Moseley RFC) started helping DC with PE teaching.

Jenny Gladstone, Sarah Foster, Felicity Burgess, Tom Johnson, Colette Haden, Zowie Hay and Mark Smith were selected for a student librarian course run by the Warwickshire Schools Library service.

Beth Symmons was offered a place at the Royal College of Music, and Stephanie Newman was offered a place at the Slade School of Art. Duke of Edinburgh's Awards were made to Jo Abbott (silver) and Yazmin Juned, Victoria Fern, Sarah Jeffery and Simon Harrison (bronze). Sarah-Jane Tandy achieved Grade VIII flute. The school hosted Associated Board music exams

as usual.

Dori Pariss, an English student (or rather a student of English) from Worcester College spent some time with us. So did Debra-Jean Zwicker another student of English, this time from Indianapolis. We had our annual visit from the Carl Duisberg Gymnasium in Wuppertal as part of the German Exchange.

The sixth form common room extension was completed, and Mr Clee, our Site Maintenance Manager was installed in a new workshop, overlooking the tennis courts. The geography field course went to North Wales as usual. The Parents' Association donated the sum of £1000 to the library for new books. The production of *Blitz!*, a musical by Lionel Bart, took place at the school and was an amazing success.

### **Summer Term 1994**

More success was reported in fencing: Jeffery Jones (Y8) won the "Jubilee Foil" competition. Eve Edkins, Judith Wood and Nadia Wyspianska came third in the West Midlands U18 Girls' Team Foil competition. Helen Packham was second and Stuart Daniels (Old Scholar) was first in the National Intermediate Foil.

We did well in athletics as well. Ian Hickman came second in the Warwickshire Multi-events Athletics Championships pentathlon.

Richard Clayton and James Bowler were second in the team event. Rob Parker was first in the Senior Decathlon and he and Ian Hickman were selected for Warwickshire in the National Multi-event Championships. Alexis Carter (Y7) competed in the county championship for clubs, coming first in the High Jump and 70m hurdles, and third in the 100m for her age group. Her high jump of 1.36m was a county championship record. The following were selected to compete for South Warwickshire in the County Athletics Championships : Charlotte Greening and Rachel Bradley (100m), Oliver Raison (100m, 200m), Jason Davies (200m), Mary Harries (300m), Richard Clayton (400m), Ian Hickman and Paul Powell (800m), Anne Kerr



(shot and discus), Kevin Harris (shot and javelin), Stephen Haynes and John Alexander (discus), Rob Parker and Bryony Taylor (javelin), Alexis Carter (high Jump), James Bowler (high jump and long jump), Martin Henderson (long jump).

In hockey things went well for our students also. Fiona Gibson represented Worcestershire in the U14 Midlands Hockey Tournament, and Katie Lisle was selected for the Warwickshire U16 hockey squad. Jemma Houghton was selected to swim for the West Midlands in the Senior British Disabled Championships.

The Biology field course took place in North Wales as usual, led by Mr German with Mr Forster and Miss Collins assisting, and Mr Shearn and Mr Simpson took a group of Y12 students to the wilds of the Torridon region of Scotland. The French Exchange took place with a visit of AGS students to Loroux Bottereau as usual and Y7 and Y8 did well in the *Maths Challenge*, Jeffery Jones going on to the *Maths Olympiad*, and Judith Hill achieved a Gold Award - the youngest competitor in the school to do so.

Our Y12 business group known as *The Write Stuff* (they purveyed personal stationery) got through to the Young Enterprise Area Finals. Elizabeth White has been selected to go forward for the Young Enterprise Accountant of the Year, and Jonathan Morgan for the Young Enterprise Achiever nomination.

Visits took place to *Macbeth* and *Twelfth Night* at the RST. The Junior Drama production *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was a great success, as was the Shakespeare anthology entitled *Love and Death* by the Sixth Form Drama Group *Absolute Beginners*. Jill Misson was selected by the National Youth Theatre for a three week course in London, organized by the theatre.

Paul Lunau was awarded a Bronze class I in the National Physics Challenge competition. Robert Abbott and Andrew Kendry both achieved Bronze class II and 11 others were highly commended. The Physics Department went to Alton Towers for its annual practical investigation day (or so it claimed).

The Geology Department went off for its annual field course with Mr Stenger in charge, assisted by Mrs Albon. Duke of Edinburgh's awards were made to Lucy Corbett (silver), Felicity Burgess (bronze - the first in Y10), Kevin Sumpth (bronze). The Home Economics Department was transmogrified into the HEFT Department. Girls were awarded the right to wear School trousers as part of their uniform. The school conducted a survey into bullying. The History Department made its annual visit to Warwick Castle with Y7 students, and took A and AS level students to the University of Warwick for a conference which included various workshops. The Preucil String Orchestra from the USA performed at the school, and we hosted the Associated Board exams again.

Our teams played thirty-five rounders matches, winning twenty-two while two were drawn. The U12 A and B teams got to the semi-finals of a tournament where they were defeated by Kineton High School. Sports day took place as usual in ideal conditions with outstanding performances from Mary Harries, among others. Our tennis teams did well, the U13 winning every game, and the U14 doing well also. At table tennis Ioan Rees (Y7) qualified to play in the English Championships (U12 section), and got through to the second round. The Girls First Hockey XI were champions of the Cotswold League, playing all eight of their league matches without defeat.

The school received a donation of £1500 from a grateful parent; the gratitude was warmly reciprocated ! It will be used to purchase some garden furniture for students to use, a new video camera and a croquet set (for use at lunch times!).

## **School Register**

### **Farewell July 1994**

#### **BEW :**

Serena Avery, Stuart Beaver, David Bugden, Edward Einsiedler, Martin Firth, Timothy Jarmy, Rachel Jones, Suzanne Lever, Emma Macdonald,

**CJJ :**

Alistair Brewin, James Daffern, Judith Glass, Robert Jones, Matthew Orton, Kerry Price, Hazel Shore, Ann Taylor, Ruth Westbury

**CPK :**

Lucy Corbett, Emma Hatcher, Gary Hayden, Sarah Howell, Marcus Kenyon, Simon Lloyd, Stephanie Newman, Richard Rugg, Spencer Valentine, James Ferris

**CRS :**

Joseph Abbott, Daniel Agnew, Peter Austing, Rachel Field, James Hale, Jennie Harrison, Jason Innes, Matthew McPhail, Mireille Stacey, Lydia Stanley, Richard Walsh

**GRW :**

Guy Brinton, Emma Cooper, Hermione Green, Marianne Hill, Pauline Hubner, Fraser Jones, Mark Norton, David Turner, Edward Waine, James Walker

**JMW :**

Juliet Creese, Sarah Espley, Charles Felgate, James Houghton, Michelle Kent, Sarah Knight, Mark Lardner, Benjamin Lee, Penelope Peters

**KAJ :**

Katherine Davies, Christina Hancock, Elizabeth Jefferies, Victoria Parish, David Pritchard, Sam Shaw, Nicholas Smith, Andrew Steele

**KAT :**

Paul Beesley, Jill Bennett, Tracy Bradshaw, Faye Hatcher, Caroline Lock, Richard Martin, Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Benjamin Storey, Malcolm Wood

**LES :** Lee Clark, Ben Freeman, Matthew Green, Emma-Louise Harper, Sarah Hall, Louise Pittaway, Lindsey Scarfe, Kevin Sumpth

**MEA :** James Anthony, James Haggerty, Louise Lidsey, Lucy Moulston, Caroline Owen, Simeon Reaney, Claire Robbie, James Salmon, Sarah-Jane Walker

**MT :** David Bell, Amanda Hollingsworth, David Ives, Steven Maher, Nicola Masefield, Neil McLean, Alexander Philps, Emma Shrimpton, Rachael Towers, Peter Willcock

**PDB :** Toni Allen, Fleur Astbury, Timothy Bull, Catherine Bussey,  
Lucy Davies, Claire Hollier, Joanne Johnson, Alistair Levine, Jonathan Tait

**RFD :**

Phillip Bennett, Georgina Canning, James Collett, Clare Gough,  
Sarah Ladbury, Thomas Leather, Laura Middleton, Helen Packham,  
Ian Rochester, Vidya Sundarajan, Elizabeth Symmons.

### ***Blitz!***

Rich cockney accents overlay Warwickshire speak when the AGS production of Lionel Bart's almost forgotten musical got underway. So effective was the generation of East-end atmosphere that one could almost smell the jellied eels and welks. The rather sketchy plot was well padded out with singing and dancing, into which the cast threw itself with great gusto, matched only by the enthusiasm shown during rehearsals by a party of German students over from Wuppertal on their exchange visit, who joined in the singing and dancing of an irreverent number concerning a certain Herr A. Hitler with every sign of enjoyment. There were great performances from Becci Fogarty, Miriam Stanley, Peter Willcox, James Horn, Jon and Zöe Morgan, David McElroy, Emma Seaton-Smith, Martin Johnson, Becky White, James Mellor, Alex Comer, Sam Barlow and Lucy Jones, among many others. The set design and stage management were first-class.

*CJJ.*

### **Staff News - July 1994 Leavers**

Two long standing members of the staff left us in July 1994. Mrs Katherine Talbot joined the school in 1989, and taught French and Russian. She led our first Russian exchange, and took part in many French exchanges. She was a keen hill-walker and mountaineer, and helped with these activities as well. She was also a keen Nordic skier and acted as a sort of catalyst in interesting other members of staff in this, the only authentic form of

the sport. She goes to be Head of Modern Languages at Lady Lumley's School at Pickering in Yorkshire and we wish her well in her new appointment. Mrs Karen Banks had been a member of the staff since 1985 and passed through several incarnations, first as a part-time teacher, then full-time and finally reverting (at her own request) to part-time again. In all this time she was a valued member of the Modern Languages Department, teaching French and impressing everybody with her commitment, imagination and vigour as a teacher. She left us to have a baby (whose arrival is recorded in *The Record*, edition No.161), and we send our best wishes to her and her family.

Still in the field of Modern Languages we had the services of Andreas Girnt as German Assistant. From the University of Potsdam, he threw himself into the British way of life with great gusto, even to the extent of learning to play cricket to such good effect that he played for the AGS Staff cricket team shortly before his return to Germany.

## Summary Of Examination Results Summer 1994

### GCSE Results Achieved by Y11

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	%A-C
<b>English</b>									
Males	25		8	11	5	1			
Females	40	1	13	22	4				
Total	65	1	21	33	9		1		98%
<b>Eng.Lit</b>									
Males	25	1	9	9	2	3		1	
Females	40	5	17	10	6	2			
Total	65	6	26	19	8	5		1	91%
<b>Mathematics</b>									
Males	25	10	7	5	2	1			
Females	40	5	12	12	9	2			
Total	65	15	19	17	11	3			95%
<b>Science (Double Award)</b>									

Males	50	20	2	24	4				
Females	80	10	14	40	14	2			
Total	130	30	16	64	18	2			98%
<b>History</b>									
Males	17	1	4	8	3	1			
Females	17	1	5	7	2	2			
Total	34	2	9	15	5	3			91%
<b>Geography</b>									
Males	23	3	8	9	2	1			
Females	31	3	15	7	5	1			
Total	54	6	23	16	7	2			96%
<b>French</b>									
Males	15	2	4	3	5	1			
Females	35	6	15	11	3				
Total	50	8	19	14	8	1			98%
<b>German</b>									
Males	15		4	5	2	2	1	1	
Females	27	6	6	10	5				
Total	42	6	10	15	7	2	1	1	90%
<b>HEFT</b>									
Males									
Females	5		3	2					
Total	532	100%							
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>									
Males	17	2	4	5	2	4			
Females	25	2	8	3	9	2	1		
Total	42	4	12	8	11	6	1		83%
<b>Music</b>									
Males	3			1	1		1		
Females	10	1	2	5	4				
Total	13	1	2	5	4		1		92%

### Design Technology

Males	10			2	3	2	1	1	
Females	11		2	3	4	2			
Total	21		2	5	7	4	1	1	67%

(1 student in DT failed to complete coursework and was ungraded as a result)

### Grand Totals

Males	225	39	50	82	31	15	4	3	
Females	361	40	112	131	64	13	1		
Total	586	79	162	213	95	28	5	3	93.7%

### A Level Results Achieved by Y13

Subjects	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	%A-E	%A-B
Art with										
Art History	20	9	5	5	1				100	70
Biology	16	4	3	3	1	3	1	1	88	44
Chemistry	18	5	4	3	1	3	2		89	50
Physics	24	7	1	2	5	3	4	2	18	33
Design Tech.	1			1					100	
Economics	18		4	6	2	3	3		83	22
English	45	6	14	11	6	8			100	44
French	29	4	5	6	8	5	1		97	31
Geography	40	4	5	12	11	5	3		37	23
German	12	2	2	4	4				100	33
History	18		2	3	6	3	2	2	78	11
Mathematics	37	10	5	3	5	8	4	2	84	41
Further Maths	8	1	3		2	1		1	88	50
Music	2		1	1					100	50
HEFT	7	4	2	1					100	86
Theatre Studs	11			1	1	3	3	3	45	
Total	306	56	56	62	53	45	23	11	88.8	36.6
Gen Studs	23	2	3	4	6	4	4		83	35.6
Total inc										
Gen Studs	329	58	59	66	59	49	27	11	88.4	35.6

## AS Results Achieved by Y13

Subjects	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	%A-E	%A-B
Art & Design	1				1				100	
Business Studs	28	9	10	5	3	1			100	68
Chemistry	4		2		11				100	50
Computing	13		2	2	7	2			100	15
Design Tech.	3	1	1						67	33
French	6	2			1	3			100	33
German	2	1		1					100	50
Human Geog.	3	1		1		1			100	33
Physical Geog.	1			1					100	
Geology	11			3	3	1	3	1	64	
History	7	1		2	3		1		86	14
Mathematics	15		1	3	1		1	9	33	6
Music	6	2		1	1	1	1		83	33
Statistics	12			3	5	1	2	1	75	
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>28.6</b>

(one student was ungraded in Design Technology because of failure to complete coursework)

## Destinations of 1994 Leavers

*The list below gives all the details as we know them at the time of writing*

Joe Abbott, Medicine at Nottingham; Daniel Agnew, employment; Toni Allen, Ravensbourne College, Kent; James Anthony, Media Studies at Kidderminster Coll. of H.E; Fleur Astbury, English at University of Wales; Peter Austing, Mathematics at Cambridge; Serena Avery, Geography/Archaeology at Liverpool; Stuart Beaver, Optometry at Cardiff; Paul Beesley, Business and Mgmt. Studies at Portsmouth; David Bell, Business Studies at Staffordshire University; Jill Bennett, Modern Languages at Nottingham; Philip Bennett, Chem. Eng. at Nottingham; Tracey Bradshaw, HND in Admin Studs, Stratford Coll.; Alistair Brewin, Eng. and Creative Studs., Portsmouth; Guy Brinton Physics at Liverpool; David Bugden, Computer Science at Newcastle; Tim Bull, Electronic Eng., with Mechatronics; Catherine Bussey, English and Politics at Leicester; Georgina Canning, Teacher Training at Bath; Lee Clark, Mechanical Eng. at Nottingham;



James Collett, Business Studs. at Huddersfield, Emma Cooper, French and Linguistics at Lancaster; Lucy Corbett, Marine Biol/Oceanography at Bangor; Juliet Creese, Geography at Birmingham; James Daffern, Estate Management at Central England; Kate Davies, Geography at Southampton; Lucy Davies, Environmental Management at Manchester Metropolitan; Edward Einsiedler, Business Management at Leeds; Sarah Espley, Archaeology at Bournemouth; Charles Felgate, Business and Mgmt. Studs. at Oxford Brookes; James Ferris, AGS for resits; Rachel Field, Eng.Lit. at Anglia; Martin Firth, applying for entry 1995; Ben Freeman, HND Graphic Design at Kinston; Judith Glass, resits at Stratford Coll.; Clare Gough, Hotel, Catering and Institutional Mgmt at Huddersfield; Hermione Green, Sociology and Social Studs. at Roehampton Institute; Matthew Green, employment; James Haggerty, Graphics Assistant at Imagineering; James Hale, applying for entry in 1995; Sarah Hall, applying for entry in 1995; Christina Hancock, Italian and Spanish at Portsmouth; Emma-Louise Harper, employment; Jennie Harrison, Business Studs. at Northumbria; Emma Hatcher CAD Designer at Graham Masefield Associates, Faye Hatcher, English with Art and History at Plymouth; Gary Haden, Management and Technology at Bradford; Marianne Hill, a year in Italy then Stratford College 1995; Clare Hollier, employment in USA; Amanda Hollingsworth, Promotions adviser at Alpha, Birminham Airport; James Houghton, year out; Sarah Howell, Politics and Modern History at Brunel; Pauline Hubner, Geography at Cambridge in 1995; Jason Innes, Business and Sports Studies at De Montfort; Tim Jarmy, Business and Leisure at Bolton Inst. of H.E.; Elizabeth Jeffries, employment with Lloyds Bank; Jo Johnson, Earth Science at Kingston; Fraser Jones, Geography and Geology at Keele; Rachel Jones, Psychology at Lancaster; Robert Jones, HND in Naval Engineering at Southampton Inst. of H.E.; Michelle Kent, Applying for 1995 entry, Marcus Kenyon, Transport Design at Coventry; Sarah Knight, English at Lancaster; Sarah Ladbury; Film and Media Studies at West of England; Mark Lardner, Geography and Statistics at Kingston; Tom Leather, Mechanical Engineering at UMIST; Ben Lee, Geography and Statistics at Kingston; Suzanne Lever, Chemistry with Industrial Experience at Manchester; Alistair Levine, Business Studs. at Plymouth; Simon Lloyd, HND in Building Studs. at Leeds Metropolitan; Louise Lidsey, Biology and Psychology at Plymouth; Caroline Lock, M.A. English at Dundee; Emma Macdonald, West Africa Studies at Birminham in 1995; Steven Maher, HND in computing at Northumbria; Richard Martin, Corporate Media at Southampton Inst. of H.E.; Nicola Masefield, Psychology at Plymouth; Neil McLean, Art Foundation at MWCFF; Matthew McPhail, Economics with Business Economics at Hull; Laura Middleton, Applied Social Studs. at Paisley; Lucy Moulston, Design and Silversmithing at Central England;

Stephanie Newman, Fine Art at the Slade School of Fine Art; Mark Norton, Surveying and Urban Estate Mgmt. at Kingston; Beth O'Dwyer, Applied Psychology with Computing at Bournemouth; Matthew Orton, employment; Caroline Owen, Psychology at Exeter; Helen Packham, applying in 1995; Victoria Parish, Medicine at Nottingham; Penny Peters, English at Cambridge; Alex Philps, Estate Mgmt. and Valuation at Southampton Inst. of H.E.; Louise Pittaway, Geography at Staffordshire; Kerry Price, HND in Business & Tourism at Birmingham College of Food; David Pritchard, Medical Science at Cambridge; Simeon Reaney, Geography at London; Claire Robbie, United States Studs. at Essex; Ian Rochester, Environmental Mgmt at Worcester Coll. of H.E.; Richard Rugg, Law & International Politics at Aberystwyth; James Salmon, Mathematics at Loughborough; Lindsey Scarfe, International Management with American Business Studies at UMIST; Sam Shaw, Mechatronics at Hull; Hazel Shore, Biological Sciences at Sussex; Emma Shrimpton, LLB Hons (Europe)/French at Nottingham Trent; Nick Smith, Food Sciences at Huddersfield; Mireille Stacey, Music at Southampton; Lydia Stanley, English at Bangor (1995); Andrew Steele, Mathematics at Imperial; Ben Storey, Physics at St.Andrews; Kevin Sumpth, Geography at Bristol; Vidya Sundararjan, Medicine at Manchester; Elizabeth Symmons, Music (Performance) at the Royal Academy of Music; Jonathan Tait, Combined Honours at Newcastle; Ann Taylor, Art Foundation at Bournville Coll. of F.E.; Rachael Towers, H.N.D. in Admin. Procedures at Mid Warwickshire Coll. of F.E.; David Turner, Eng. Lit./Communication St. at Anglia; Spencer Valentine, Business Studies at Staffordshire; Edward Waine, year out, then Physics at Imperial College in 1995; James Walker, Public Relations at Leeds Metropolitan; Sarah-Jane Walker, Consumer Science at Cardiff; Richard Walsh, Applied Chemistry at De Montfort; Ruth Westbury, Geography at Aberystwyth; Peter Willcock, Visual and Performing Arts at Brighton; Carol Williams, Theology at Aberystwyth; Malcolm Wood, Slavonic Studies at London.

## Sports Day Results, July 1994

A new record is denoted by \*

### Junior Boys

100m Y7	1 T. Marshall (N)	2 C. Robertson (W)	3 A. Drew (S)
100m Y8	1 T. Port (S)	2 C. Buckle (N)	3 W. Soni (S)
200m	1 J. Davies (W) *	2 T. Port (S)	3 C. Robertson (W)
400m	1 J. Davies (W) *	2 T. Marshall	3 W. Soni (S)
800m	1 S. Tilley	2 A. Drew (S)	3 M. Hatton (W)
1500m	1 J. O'Korafor (W)	2 D. Hawkes (S)	3 M. Smith (W)

### Junior Boys continued

4X100 "A"Race	1 Newport	2 Wells	3 Spencer
4X100 "B"Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
Long Jump	1 S. Tilley (N)	2 A. Drew (S)	3 B.Furlow (W)
High Jump	1 S. Grinstead (S)	2 T. Edkins (W)	3 C. Robertson (W)
Shot	1 J. Davies (W) *	2 C.Buckle (N)	3 R. Corbishley (N)
Discus	1 James Cooke (W)	2 J. Higgs (N)	3 S. Shearn (S)
Javelin	1 A. Vickery (W)	2 T. Port (S)	3 J. Allen (N)
Cricket Ball	1 S.Grinstead	2 J. Billingsley (S)	3 J. Allen (N)

### Junior Girls

100m Y7	1 A. Carter (S) *	2 R. Palmer (S)	3 C. Joyce (N)
100m Y8	1 K. Sergeant (S)	2 K. Saunders W)	3 T. Wightman (N)
200m	1 L. McFarlane (N)	2 L. Wakeling (W)	3 J. Boots (W)
800m	1 A. Carter (S) *	2 L. Boyce (W)	3 E. Villis (S)
1500m	1 R. Key (W)	2 G. Collins (S)	3 L.Wakeling (W)
4X100 "A"Race	1 Spencer	2 Newport tie with Wells	
4X100 "B" Race	1 Newport	2 Spencer	3 Wells
Long Jump	1 K. Saunders (W) tied R. Palmer (S)	3 E. Wells (N)	
High Jump	1 A. Carter (S) *	2 J. Boots (W) tied W. Curtis (S)	
Shot	1 E. Wells (N)	2 C. Haden (W)	3 K. Popplewell (N)
Discus	1 C. Hancock (W)	2 C. Joyce (N)	3 C. Haden (W)
Javelin	1 G. Stacey (S)	2 A. Price (S)	3 J. Mitchell (N)
Rounders Ball	1 L.McFarlane (N) *	3 G. Stacey (S)	3 R. Key (W)

### Inter Boys

100m Y9	1 O. Raison (S)	2 M. Hickman (S)	3 K. Harris (W)
100m Y10	1 M. Henderson (N)	2 M. Hickman (S)	3 J. Carravick (N)
200m	1 O. Raison (S)	2 P. Powell (W)	3 M. Henderson (N)
400m	1 I. Hickman (S) *	2 R. Clayton (S)	3 R. Stanford (W)
800m	1 I. Hickman (S) *	2 P. Powell (W) *	3 D. Carrivick (N)
1500 m	1 A. Bailey (W)	2 S. Haynes (S)	3 D. Last (S)
4X100 "A"Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
4X100 "B" Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
Long Jump	1 R. Stanford (W)	2 M. Henderson (N)	3 P. Powell (W)
High Jump	1 J. Bowler (S)	2 I. Hickman (S)	3 M. Seeney (W)
Shot	1 C. Beckley (S)	2 K. Harris (W)	3 R. Stanford (W)
Discus	1 M. Hickman (S)	2 A. Bailey (W)	3 S. Haynes (S)
Javelin	1 K. Harris (W)	2 S. Haynes (S)	3 T. Wardell (N)

## Inter Girls

100m Y9	1 C. Greening (N)	2 C. Neville (N)	3 M. Goodall (S)
100m Y10	1 M. Harries (W) *	2 R. Bradley (N)	3 L. Collett (W)
200m	1 M. Harries (W)	2 C. Neville (N)	3 R. Foster (S)
800m	1 F. Gibson (W)	2 K. Hawkes (S)	3 D. Handy (S)
1500m	1 M. Goodman (S)	2 B. Taylor (W)	3 J. Leather (N)
4X100 "A" Race	1 Newport	2 Wells	3 Spencer
4X100 "B" Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
Long Jump	1 A. Snoswell	2 E. White (S)	3 L. Collett (W)
High Jump	1 M. Harries (W)	2 R. Bradley (N)	3 S. Hales (N)
Shot	1 E. Edkins (W)	2 J. Popplewell (N)	3 K. Fletcher (S)
Discus	1 A. Kerr (N)	2 E. Edkins (W)	3 K. Lisle (N)
Javelin	1 A. Kerr (N)	2 B. Taylor (W)	3 M. Goodall (S)

## Senior Boys

100m	1 R. Parker (W) *	2 J. Horn (S)	3 B. Allard (N)
200m	1 Y-M Chan (N) *	2 J. Morgan (S)	3 S. Bartholomew (N)
400m	1 M. Gwynn (W)	2 J. Morgan (S)	3 M. Bentley (W)
800m	1 R. Parker (W) *	2 S. Robson (W)	3 J. Taylor (N)
1500m	1 P. Lamb (N)	2 J. Dover (N)	3 D. Baker (W)
4X100 "A" Race	1 Newport	2 Wells	3 Spencer
Long Jump	1 Y-M Chan (N) *	2 D. Jinks (S)	3 S. Robson (W)
High Jump	1 Y-M Chan (N) *	2 P. Phillips (W)	3 D. Jinks (S)
Shot	1 B. Allard (N)	2 S. Wasley (S)	3 T. Fisher (S)
Discus	1 B. Allard (N)	2 C. Deeks (W)	3 J. Staton (S)
Javelin	1 R. Parker (W) *	2 S. Robson (W)	3 M. Beech (N)

## Senior Girls

100m	1 S. Gould (S)	2 L. Pennells (S)	3 L. Horwood (W)
200m	1 S. Gould (S)	2 S. Hardy (W)	3 L. Pennells (S)
800m	1 J. Armitage (W)	2 S. Bratton (S)	3 L. Horwood (W)
4X100 "A" Race	1 Spencer	2 Wells	3 Newport
Long Jump	1 J. Newby (W)	2 E. Cooper (S)	3 K. Butterell (S)
High Jump	1 K. Chisholm (S)	2 L. Heneghan (W)	3 D. Davies (S)
Shot	1 J. Lisle (W)	2 J. Newby (W)	3 D. Newey (n)
Javelin	1 F. Marchant (S)	2 S. Burgess (S)	3 E. Massey (W)
Discus	1 S. Burgess (S)	2 L. Homer (S)	3 S. Harwood (N)

**Overall Result : Spencer 487 pts.; Wells 484 pts.; Newport 424 pts.**

## **Games Results 1993-94**

### **Boys' Results**

**Rugby** : We played forty-seven matches, winning twenty-one of them. The team Captains were : 1st XV, Matt Gwyn; U16 Tom Heneghan; U15, Chris Beckley; U14, Ian Hickman; U13 Sean Tilley; U12, Ioan Rees and Alex Drew.

**Soccer** : We played twenty-eight matches and secured twelve victories, eight of these by the 1st XI. Team captains were : 1st XI, Martin Firth; U16 Tom Heneghan; U15, Paul Powell; U14, Tom Cole; U13, Sean Tilley; U12 Colin Robertson.

**Hockey** : The Boys 1st XI played four games and won one.

**Cricket** : Fifteen games were played with seven victories.

### **Girls' Results**

**Hockey** : The teams played thirty-six games, won twenty-one of them and drew 8.

**Netball** : Twenty-three games were played with fifteen victories and one draw.

**Rounders** : Thirty-three games were played of which nineteen were won and two were drawn.

**Tennis** : Fifteen matches produced nine victories and one draw.

**Athletics** : In the TSB Schools' Cup, AGS Junior Girls came second, and Inter Girls eighth in their categories out of eight schools entered.

## **Awards To students on Leavers' Night Autumn 1994**

The Spencer Cup for the best A level results	:	Joe Abbott and Peter Austing
The Bell Cup for Distinction in Mathematics	:	Peter Austing
The Laurie Brain Cup for Distinction in English	:	Penny Peters
Awards for Distinguished service to the School	:	Emma Cooper, Jonathan Tait
Head Boy	:	Joe Abbott
Head Girl	:	Claire Robbie
Deputies	:	Daniel Agnew and Jill Bennett

## **New Buildings and Other Work, 1993-94**

The academic year started with the publication of our master plan for new buildings in September 1993. Shortly afterwards the Governors were able to finance the provision of new parking spaces to the front of the school, and

traffic calming humps ("sleeping policemen") at various strategic points. By October we had submitted our bid to the DES for funding for a new Technology/Art/Business Studies block. March 1994 saw the completion of extensions to the sixth form common room, and the completion of a workshop and office for the Site Maintenance Manager.

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## Old Scholars' News

### Degree Results 1994

**Jonathan Roberts (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(ii) in Molecular Biology at the University of Manchester. **Michael Ingram (1984-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 1 in Physics at the University of Manchester. **Michael Stretton-Cox (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(i) in Psychology at the University of Liverpool. **Richard Anderson (1984-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 1 in Civil Engineering at the University of Salford. **Julian Cole (1988-91)** has been awarded the degree of BA in Mathematics at the University of St Andrews. **Michael Humphrey (1984-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 1 in Mathematics and Computation at the University of Loughborough. **Claire Styles (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in English Literature at the University of Wales, and is to proceed to an MA in either English Literature or Librarianship. **James Bradley (1983-90)** has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Transport Management at the University of Aston and has been appointed to a post with BOC. **Steven Barry (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(ii) at the University of Cranfield, and has been appointed to a post in Radiography at the Royal Berkshire Hospital. **Gary Jarvis (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(i) in chemistry at the University of Liverpool, and is to go on to take a PhD. **Joanna Martin (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in English and the History of Art at the University of Aberystwyth. **Sarah Hadley (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(i) in Environmental Science at the University of Plymouth. **Jonathon Short (1989-91)**, has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in Economics at the University of Cambridge. **Michael Poole (1984-91)**, has been awarded the degree of BEng class 2(ii) in Mathematical Science and Engineering at the University of Bath. **Neil Coathup (1989-91)**, has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Accountancy and Financial Management at the University of Sheffield. **William Hunter (1986-91)** has

been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Economics at the University of Sheffield. **Craig Scott (1986-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc class 2(ii) at the University of Sheffield. **Rhiannon Ransome (1988-90)** has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(i) in Three Dimensional Studies and Fine Art at Gloucester College of Art and Technology. **James Hill (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of LLB class 2(ii) at the University of Hull. **Alison Double (1989-91)** has qualified in Occupational Therapy at York and has been appointed to a post as an Occupational Therapist near Aberdeen. **John Heath (1986-91)** has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Geography at the University of Salford. **Helen Vining (1983-90)** has been awarded the degree of BA class 2(ii) in Mathematics and Music at the University of Kent. **Gillian Bubb (1979-86)** has been awarded the degree of PhD in Biological Science at the University of Warwick. **Matthew Locke (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of BSc in Financial Management at the University of Birmingham. **Simon Titterton (1989-91)** has been awarded the degree of LLB class 2(i) at the University of Dundee.

### **Other News of Old Scholars**

Stephen Thomas (1976-83) having achieved his BSc, and PhD, is now working as a hydrologist in California.

### ***Love and Death***

*Absolute Beginners*, the senior drama group, has ever been a sort of forcing house at AGS for thespian innovation, or even revolution, and this year they really came up with a splendid idea for ending the school year in a sophisticated fashion. They put on an anthology of excerpts from the works of a local dramatist which illustrated the eternal themes of love and death.

There is a wealth of references to these in Mr Shakespeare's work, and the ones we saw were skilfully chosen and brilliantly performed. And all without the aid of costume, scenery, props or other aids for promoting the willing suspension of disbelief.

The audience was stunned by the sophistication of the interpretations presented, and on several occasions nearly moved to tears. Laughter was heard as well from time to time. The strawberries and cream served in the quad

during the interval went down rather well too. It all made a splendid and elegant end to the school year.

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### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was given a 1960s setting in this year's Junior Production. The hippy atmosphere of the period suited the magical element of the play and a good time was had by all. The marriage of Theseus (James Long) and Hippolyta (Kirsten Harris) set the scene, and the four lovers (Emily Villis, Caroline Heath, Simon Lockren and Stephen Haynes) were soon plunged into confusion, caused by the magical interference of Puck (Sarah Foster) and Oberon (Stephen McLaren). Queen Titania (Bryony Taylor) was also trapped by magical powers into falling in love with Bottom, a comic tour de force by Stephen Mutton. Altogether a very creditable first attempt at the Bard by the junior part of the school. The evening was completed by suitable wedding banquet food, produced by Year 7 pupils guided by Mrs Bovey.

### **A Note From Your Editor**

*Remember that we are always keen to hear of our Old Scholars and publish news of their doings in **The Record**. It is best to send the news to us in clear legible writing, or better still in typescript. We also like to know the years of your school membership, for example 1987-94, and if the news is to do with degree results, which university awarded the degree, and in what discipline. We like to publish news of Old Scholars' births, deaths and marriages as well, and would do so if we ever received any.*

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